

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims shall replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

We claim:

5 1. (Currently amended): An air freshener comprising:

a circuit having a plurality of light emitting diodes and at least one resistor wherein said at least one resistor is disposed in a heating block;

10 electrical connectors coupled to said circuit to receive current from a power source and to provide said current to said circuit;

a container for holding a substance to be heated;

a housing which contains said circuit further comprising a socket for attaching said container;

15 a decorative cover attached to said housing which covers said housing and at least a portion of said container such that a gap is formed between said decorative cover and said housing;

wherein said decorative cover is illuminated by said plurality of light emitting diodes; and

20 wherein said at least one resistor heats said heating block so as to heat said substance held by said container thereby accelerating the emission of an aroma associated with said substance and wherein said at least one resistor also limits

said current provided to said plurality of light emitting diodes.

2. (Original): The device in accordance with claim 1 wherein
5 said power source provides alternating current and wherein said circuit further comprises a rectifier.

3. (Previously presented): The device in accordance with claim 1 wherein said power source provides alternating current
10 and wherein said circuit further comprises a shunt diode connected in parallel with said plurality of light emitting diodes and in series with said at least one resistor.

4. (Original): The device in accordance with claim 1 wherein
15 said heating block is comprised of a ceramic material.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously presented): The device in accordance with
20 claim 1 further comprising:

at least one fiber optic cable wherein said at least one fiber optic cable is coupled to said plurality of light emitting diodes.

7. (Original): The device in accordance with claim 1 wherein said circuit further includes a thermal fuse.

8. (Original): The device in accordance with claim 1 wherein
5 said circuit further includes an electrical fuse.

9. (Original): The device in accordance with claim 1 wherein said container is translucent.

10 10. (Previously presented): The device in accordance with claim 9 wherein said container is illuminated by said plurality of light emitting diodes.

11. (Original): The device in accordance with claim 1 further
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a wick inserted into said container wherein one end of said wick protrudes from said container.

12. (Original): The device in accordance with claim 11 wherein
20 said one end of said wick that protrudes from said container is held by said heating block.

13-17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously presented): The device in accordance with
claim 13 wherein said housing further includes at least one dome
and at least one vent to facilitate release of said aroma and to
5 facilitate emission of light generated by said plurality of
light emitting diodes.

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19. (Currently amended): A method for efficiently combining nightlight and air freshener capabilities in a single decorative device comprising the steps of:

receiving current from a power source;

5 providing said current to a circuit including a resistor and a plurality of light emitting diodes wherein said resistor limits said current provided to said plurality of light emitting diodes and wherein said resistor further heats a heating block; and

10 illuminating a decorative device comprising:

a container for holding an aromatic to be heated;

a housing which contains said circuit further comprising a socket for attaching said container;

a decorative cover attached to said housing which covers

15 said housing and at least a portion of said container such that a gap is formed between said decorative cover and said housing;

wherein said decorative cover is illuminated by said plurality of light emitting diodes; and

wherein said heating block heats [[an]] said aromatic to

20 motivate the release of an aroma.

20. (Original): A method according to claim 19 wherein said current is alternating current and said circuit further includes a rectifier.

21. (Previously presented): A method according to claim 19 wherein said current is alternating current and said circuit further includes a shunt diode connected in parallel with said plurality of light emitting diodes and in series with said resistor.

22. (Original): A method according to claim 19 wherein said heating block is a ceramic block.

23. (Previously presented): A method according to claim 19 further comprising the step of:

illuminating at least one fiber optic cable by coupling said at least one fiber optic cable to said plurality of light emitting diodes.

24. (Original): A method according to claim 19 wherein said heating block heats said aromatic using conduction.

25. (Original): A method according to claim 19 wherein said heating block heats said aromatic using convection.

26. (Original): A method according to claim 19 wherein said heating block heats said aromatic using radiation.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently amended): A method according to claim ~~[[27]]~~ 19
5 wherein said decorative ~~shield~~ cover depicts at least one
flower.

29. (Currently amended): A method according to claim ~~[[27]]~~ 19
wherein said decorative ~~shield~~ cover is a flower-like structure.

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30. (Original): A method according to claim 19 wherein said
aromatic is comprised of a hydrocarbon.

31. (Original): A method according to claim 30 wherein said
15 hydrocarbon is a scented liquid.

32. (Original): A method according to claim 31 further
comprising the step of:

holding said scented liquid in a container.

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33. (Original): A method according to claim 32 wherein said
container is translucent.

34. (Canceled)

35. (Original): A method according to claim 32 wherein said container also comprises a wick wherein one end of said wick protrudes from said container.

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36. (Original): A method according to claim 35 wherein said one end of said wick that protrudes from said container is held by said heating block.

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37. (Currently amended): An air freshener comprising:

a circuit having a plurality of light emitting diodes, at least one resistor disposed in a heating block and a rectifier;

5 electrical connectors coupled to said circuit to receive alternating current from a power source and to provide said alternating current to said rectifier wherein said rectifier provides rectified alternating current to said plurality of light emitting diodes and to said at least one resistor;

10 a container for holding a scented oil to be heated;

a wick inserted into said container wherein one end of said wick protrudes from said container;

a housing for holding said circuit wherein said housing also comprises a socket for holding said container and said
15 wick; and

a decorative cover attached to said housing which covers said housing and at least a portion of said container such that a gap is formed between said decorative cover and said housing;

wherein said decorative cover is illuminated by said
20 plurality of light emitting diodes; and

wherein said at least one resistor heats said heating block and said wick so as to heat said scented oil held by said container thereby accelerating the emission of an aroma and wherein said at least one resistor also limits said rectified alternating

current provided to said plurality of light emitting diodes
wherein said plurality of light emitting diodes illuminates.

38. (Original): The device in accordance with claim 37 wherein
5 said heating block comprises a ceramic material.

39. (Previously presented): The device in accordance with
claim 37 further comprising:

at least one fiber optic cable wherein said at least one
10 fiber optic cable is coupled to said plurality of light emitting
diodes.

40. (Original): The device in accordance with claim 37 wherein
said circuit further includes a thermal fuse.

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41. (Original): The device in accordance with claim 37 wherein
said circuit further includes an electrical fuse.

42. (Previously presented): The device in accordance with
20 claim 37 wherein said housing further includes at least one dome
and at least one vent to facilitate release of said aroma and to
facilitate emission of light generated by said plurality of
light emitting diodes.

43. (Original): The device in accordance with claim 37 wherein said container further comprises a threaded neck and said socket of said housing is threaded so that said container can be screwed into said housing.

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44. (Original): The device in accordance with claim 37 wherein said container further comprises a reverse threaded neck and said socket of said housing is reverse threaded so that said container can be screwed into said housing.

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45. (Original): The device in accordance with claim 37 wherein said container is translucent.

46. (Previously presented): The device in accordance with
15 claim 45 wherein said container is illuminated by said plurality of light emitting diodes.

47. (Original): The device in accordance with claim 37 wherein said rectifier is a full-wave bridge rectifier.

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48. (Original): The device in accordance with claim 47 wherein said full-wave bridge rectifier includes four diodes.

49-50. (Canceled)

51. (Currently amended): The device in accordance with claim
[[49]] 37 wherein said decorative ~~shield~~ cover is flower-shaped.

5 52. (Currently amended): The device in accordance with claim
[[49]] 37 wherein said decorative ~~shield~~ cover depicts at least
one flower.

53. (Currently amended): An air freshener comprising:
10 a circuit having a plurality of light emitting diodes, at
least one resistor disposed in a heating block and a shunt diode
wherein said shunt diode is connected in parallel with said
plurality of light emitting diodes and in series with said at
least one resistor;
15 electrical connectors coupled to said circuit to receive
alternating current from a power source and to provide said
alternating current to said circuit;
a container for holding a scented oil to be heated;
a wick inserted into said container wherein one end of said
20 wick protrudes from said container;
a housing for holding said circuit wherein said housing
also comprises a socket for holding said container and said
wick; and

a decorative cover attached to said housing which covers
said housing and at least a portion of said container such that
a gap is formed between said decorative cover and said housing;
wherein said decorative cover is illuminated by said
5 plurality of light emitting diodes; and

wherein said at least one resistor heats said heating block
and said wick so as to heat said scented oil held by said
container thereby accelerating the emission of an aroma and
wherein said at least one resistor also limits said alternating
10 current provided to said plurality of light emitting diodes such
that said plurality of light emitting diodes illuminates.

54. (Original): The device in accordance with claim 53 wherein
said heating block comprises a ceramic material.

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55. (Previously presented): The device in accordance with
claim 53 further comprising:

at least one fiber optic cable wherein said at least one
fiber optic cable is coupled to said plurality of light emitting
20 diodes.

56. (Original): The device in accordance with claim 53 wherein
said circuit further includes a thermal fuse.

57. (Original): The device in accordance with claim 53 wherein said circuit further includes an electrical fuse.

58. (Previously presented): The device in accordance with
5 claim 53 wherein said housing further includes at least one dome and at least one vent to facilitate release of said aroma and to facilitate emission of light generated by said plurality of light emitting diodes.

10 59. (Original): The device in accordance with claim 53 wherein said container further comprises a threaded neck and said socket of said housing is threaded so that said container can be screwed into said housing.

15 60. (Original): The device in accordance with claim 53 wherein said container further comprises a reverse threaded neck and said socket of said housing is reverse threaded so that said container can be screwed into said housing.

20 61. (Original): The device in accordance with claim 53 wherein said container is translucent.

62. (Previously presented): The device in accordance with claim 61 wherein said container is illuminated by said plurality of light emitting diodes.

5 63-64. (Canceled)

65. (Currently amended): The device in accordance with claim [[63]] 53 wherein said decorative ~~shield~~ cover is flower shaped.

10 66. (Currently amended): The device in accordance with claim [[63]] 53 wherein said decorative ~~shield~~ cover depicts at least one flower.

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